



SESSION 314

Conservative Airway Management — Is Non-Intubation Indicated? (GPA)

A detailed look at the unknowns surrounding true aspiration risks in stable unresponsive patients, and an evaluation of the use of intubation as a knee-jerk reaction to select airway concerns.

1. Highlight existing dogma contributing to the intubation of select emergency patients purely for aspiration prevention.
2. Identify liability concerns regarding perceived standard of care in these cases.
3. Review aspiration risks in the unresponsive patient.
4. Review the evidence for aspiration prevention as an indication for intubation.
5. Discuss the need for a risk/benefit evaluation when intubating purely for aspiration prevention and other specific cases.
6. Highlight the value to rural, remote and austere environments in particular in developing evidence supporting conservative management strategies.